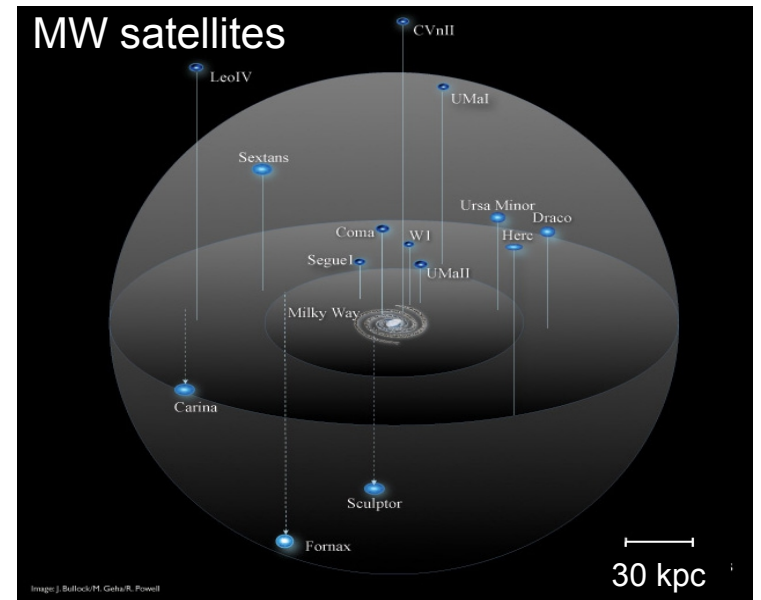
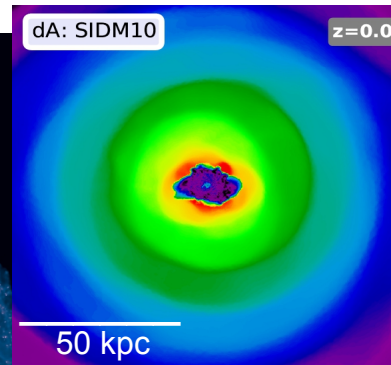
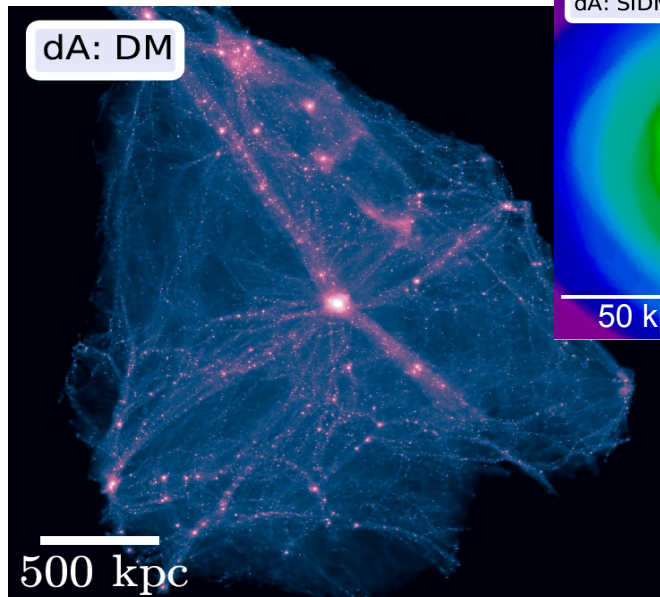


# Dwarf galaxies in a Self-Interacting Dark Matter Universe

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# Opening remarks

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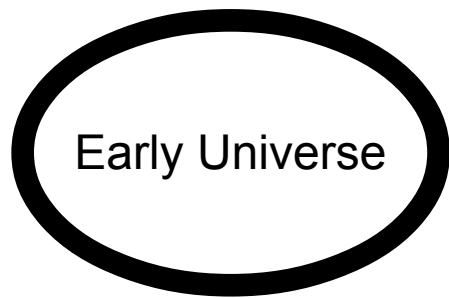
In the standard CDM paradigm galaxies form in a purely gravitational DM background

The nature of DM as a particle is therefore irrelevant for galaxy formation and evolution

There is however, **no strong evidence** to support this **strong** hypothesis

Although there is no indisputable evidence that the CDM paradigm is wrong, there are reasonable physical motivations to consider alternatives

# DM nature and structure formation



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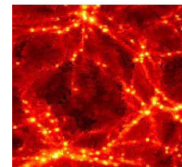
How cold is DM?

Ultimately constrained by observations

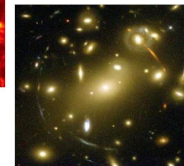
Galaxy counts at high-z (e.g. Schultz+14)  
 $m_\chi > 1.3 \text{ keV}$  ( $5 \times 10^9 M_{\text{Sun}}$ )



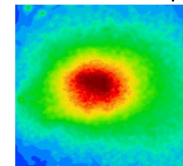
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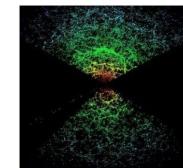
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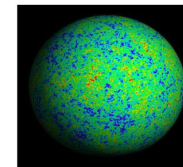
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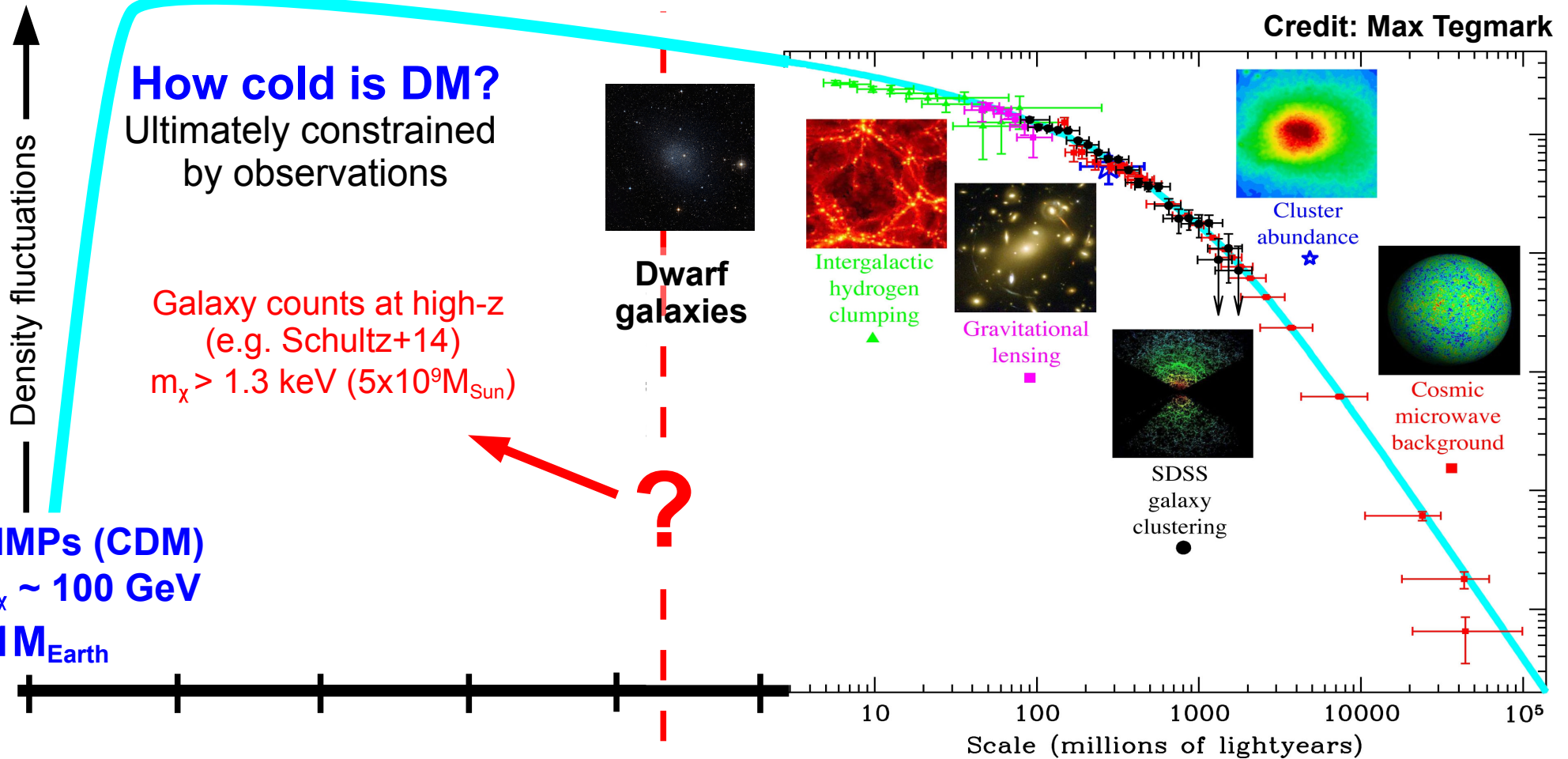
Cluster abundance



SDSS galaxy clustering



Cosmic microwave background



Credit: Max Tegmark

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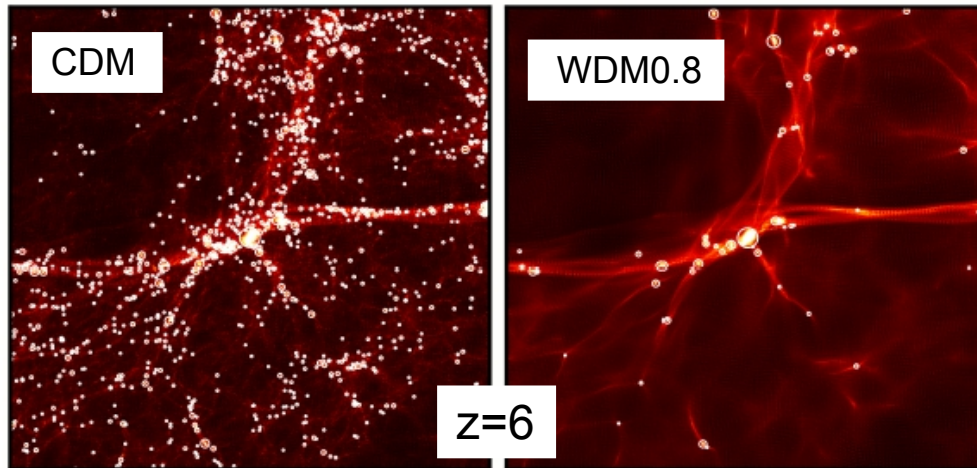
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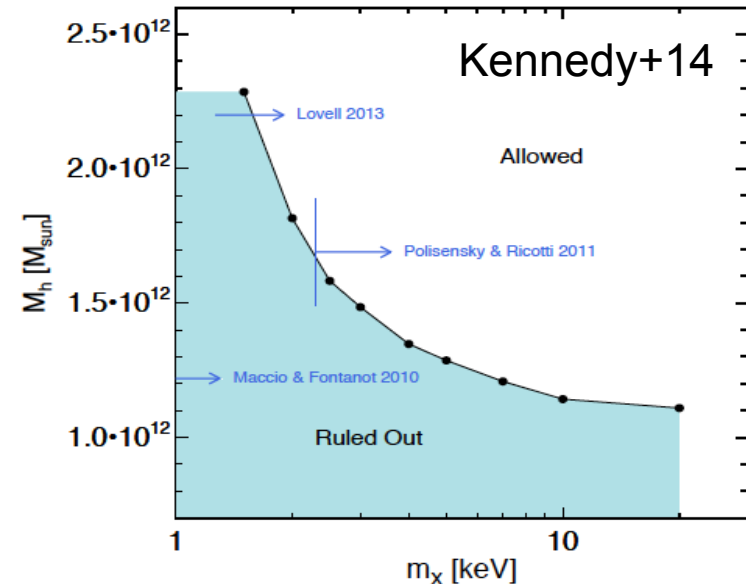
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Ly- $\alpha$  forest constraints ( $m_\chi > 3.3$  keV, Viel+13)

MW-satellite counts



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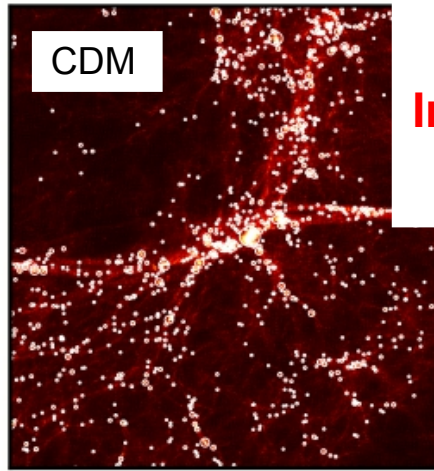
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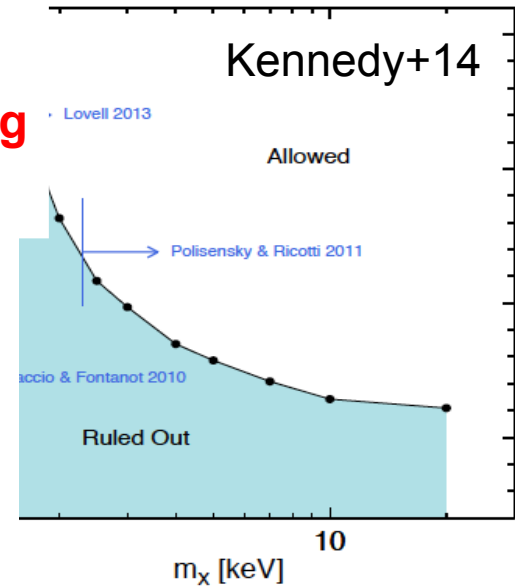
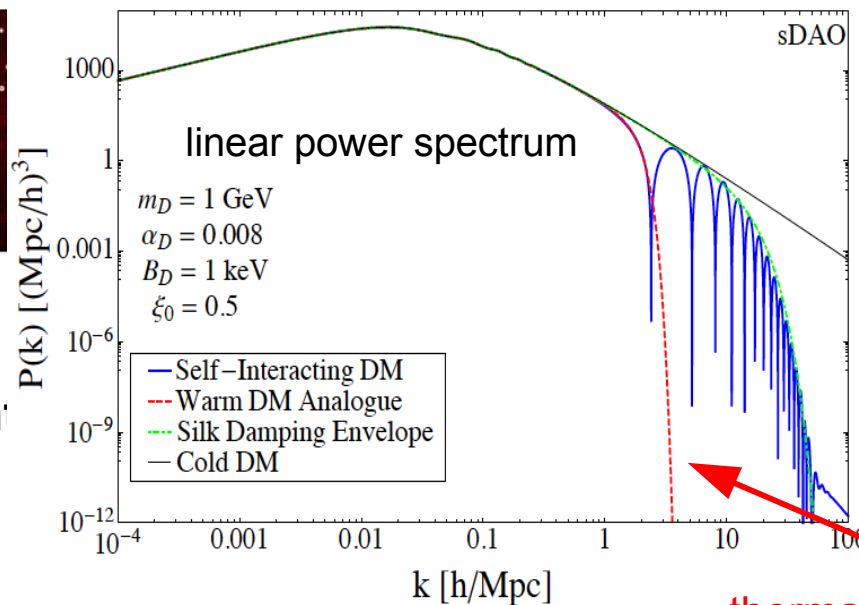
Galaxy counts at high redshift

Most constraints based on thermal-like power spectrum cut-off!!

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Important to consider before answering this question generically



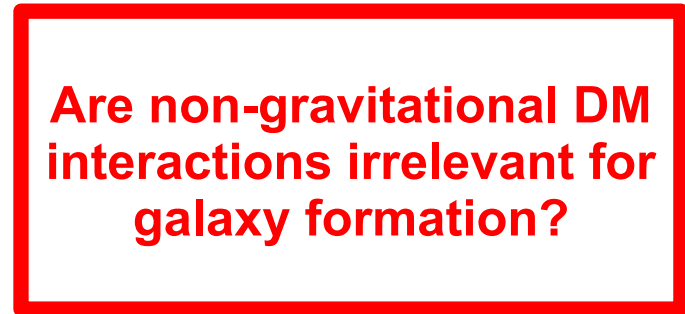
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thermal (free-streaming) cut-off

# Structure formation and DM interactions

Onset of structure formation





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DM particle interactions (weak scale) **hoped** by most detection efforts!!

Cross section $\sigma/m_\chi$ [cm <sup>2</sup> /gr]	Characteristic velocity $\tilde{v}$ [km/s]
SI $\chi$ -nucleon $\lesssim 10^{-23}$ $m_\chi \in (0.1 - 5)$ TeV	$\sim 200$ (local halo)
LUX	
$\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ $\lesssim 10^{-10}$ $m_\chi \in (0.1 - 1)$ TeV	$\sim 10$ (dSphs)
Fermi-LAT	

**Does it interact with ordinary matter?**

$\chi$ -nucleus interactions extremely low to impact structure information

**Does it interact with itself (annihilation)?**

$\chi$ - $\chi$  self-annihilation extremely low to impact structure information

$1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g} \sim 2 \text{ barns}/\text{GeV}$

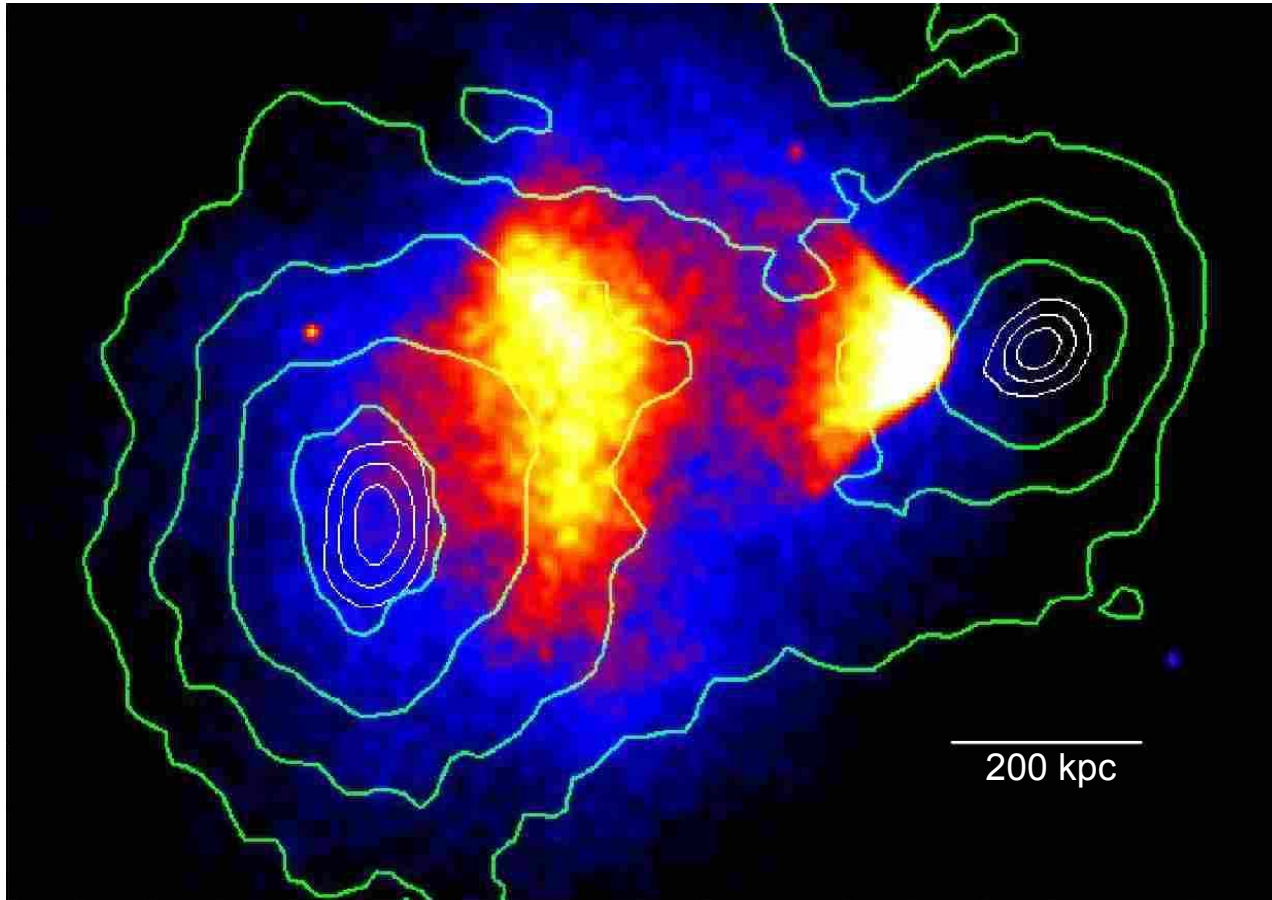
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Bullet Cluster (Clowe +06)

(Randall+08)  
 $\sigma/m < 1.25 \text{ cm}^2/\text{gr}$

Improvements to constraints from merging clusters hopefully coming soon!



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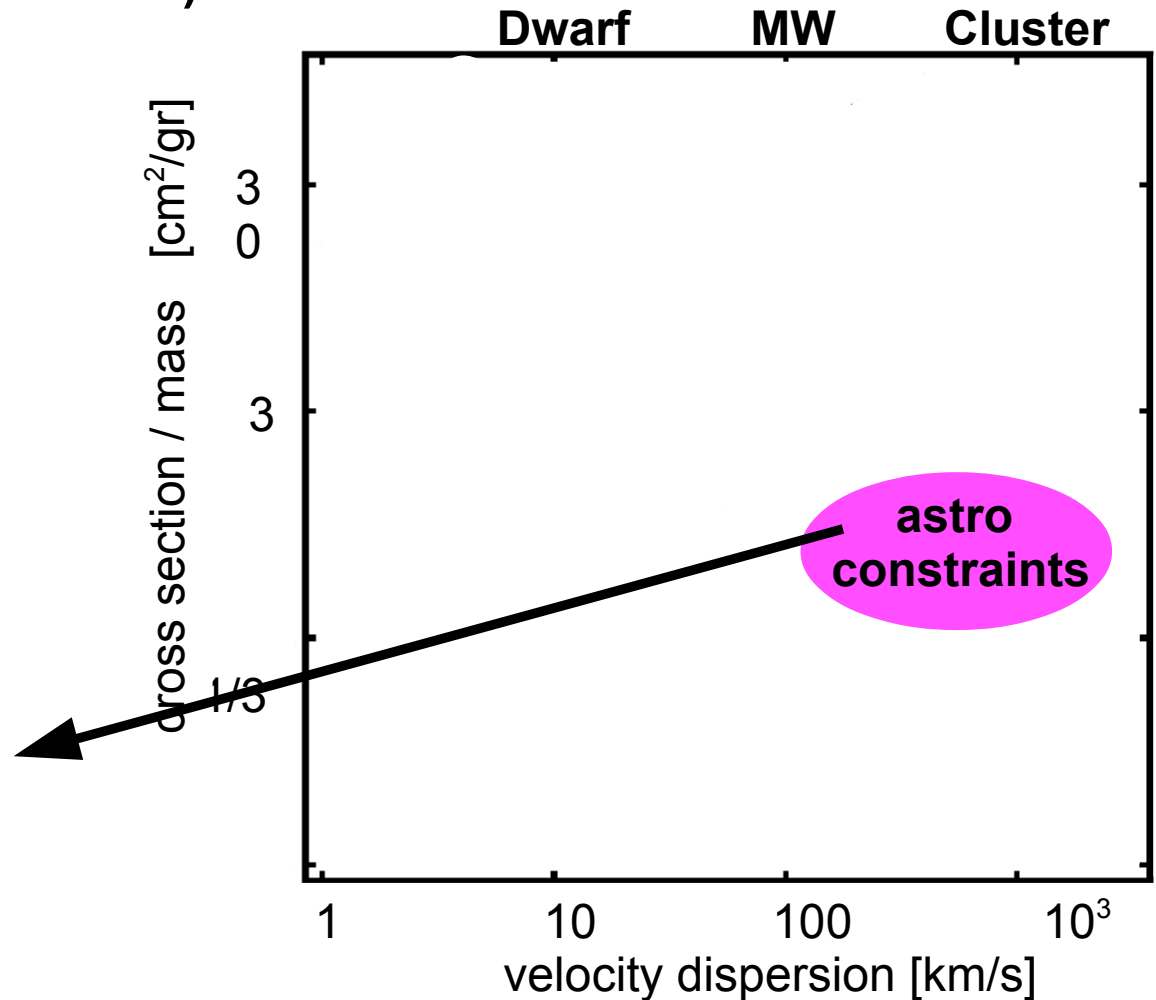
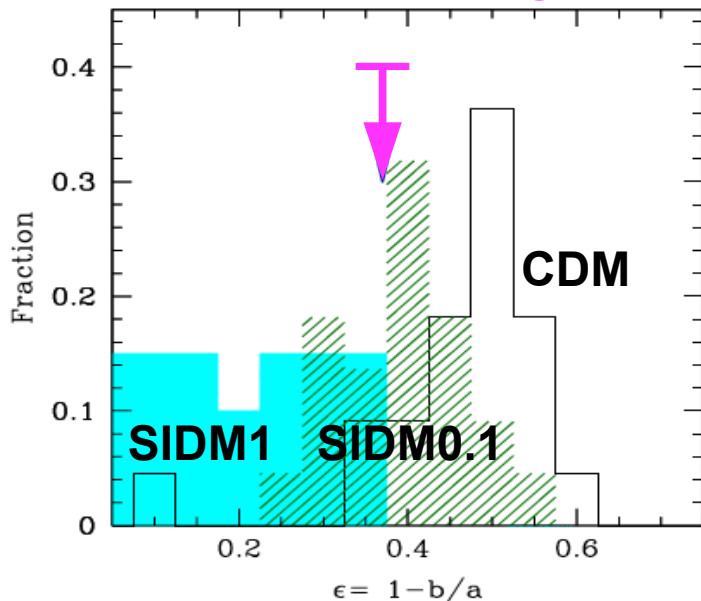
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Collisions make DM haloes more spherical

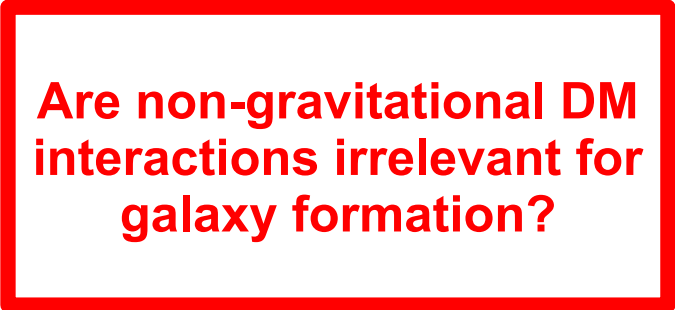
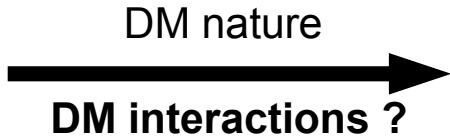
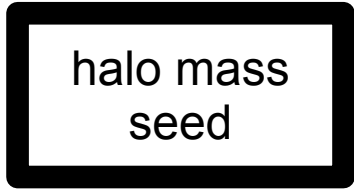
ellipticity constraint  
NGC 720 (Peter+2013)

$\sigma/m < 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{gr}$



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Dwarf

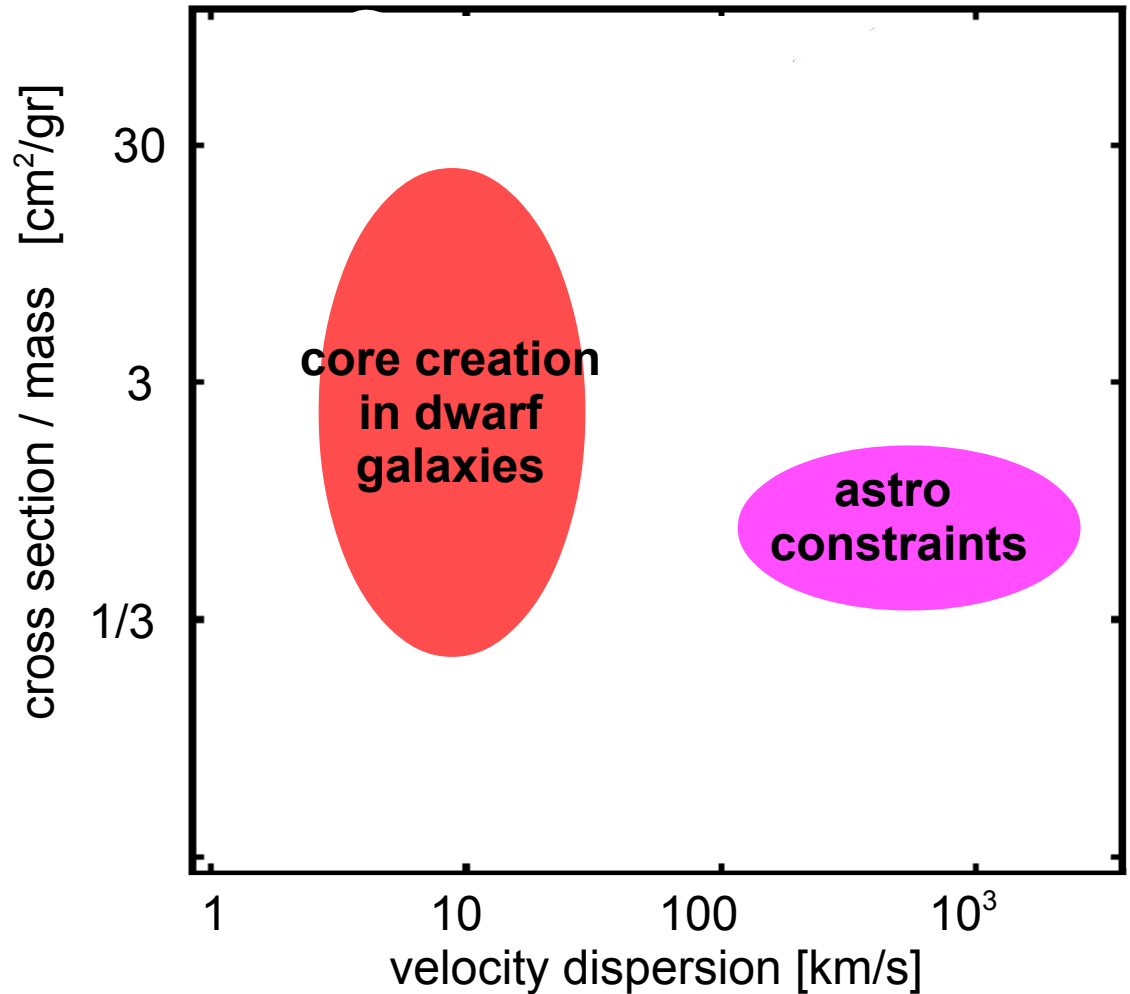
MW

Cluster

Constraints allow collisional DM that is astrophysically significant in the center of galaxies:

$\sim <1 \text{ scatter/particle}/t_H>$

DM phase-space distribution changes



# Structure formation and DM interactions

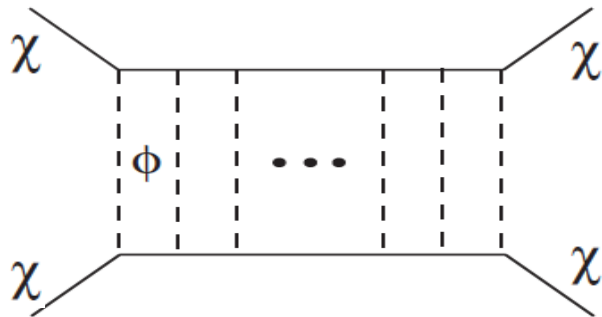
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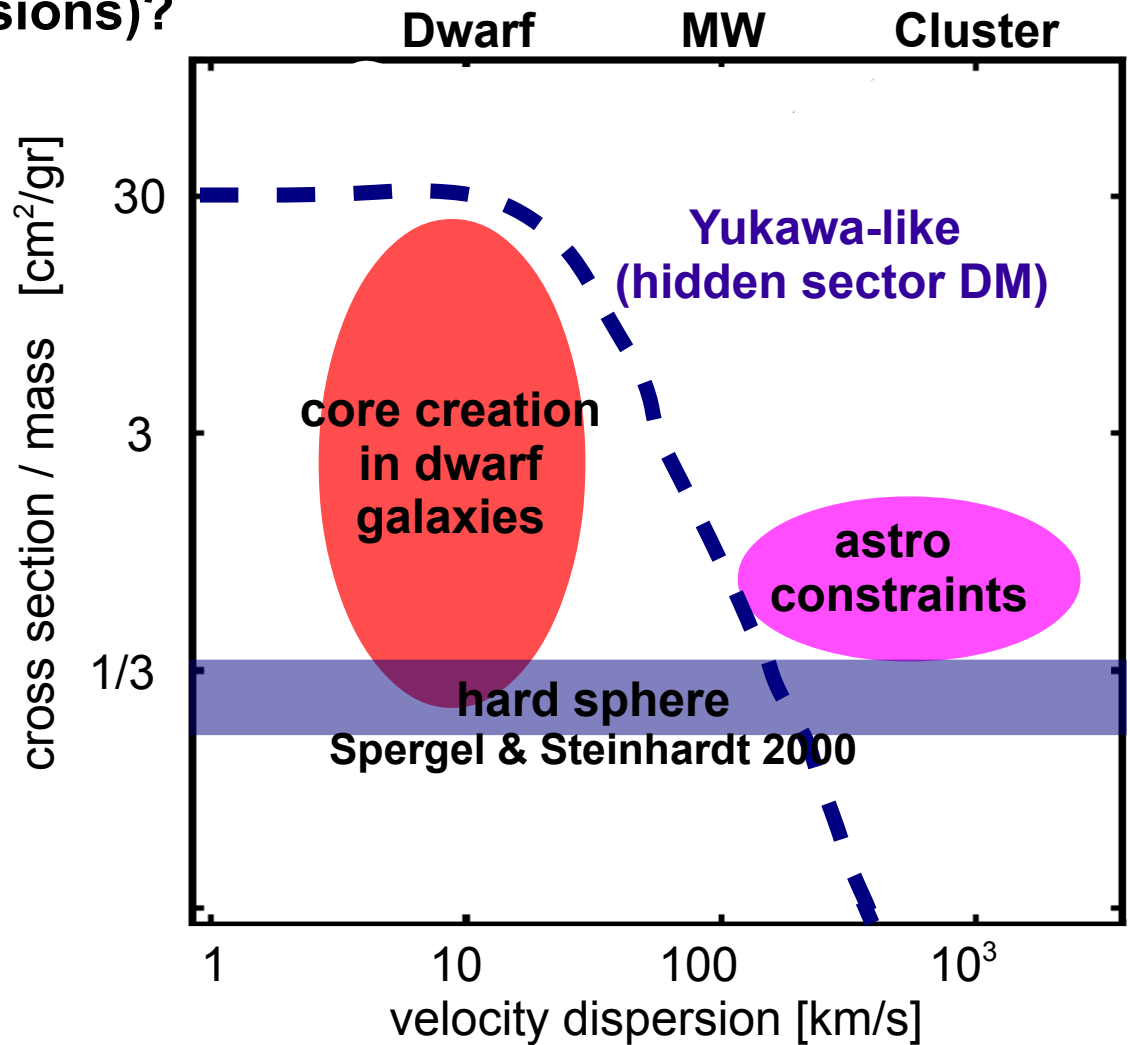
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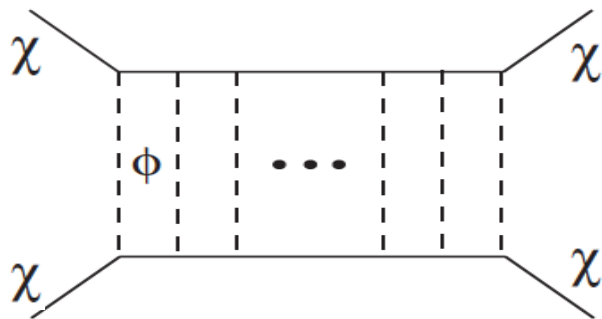
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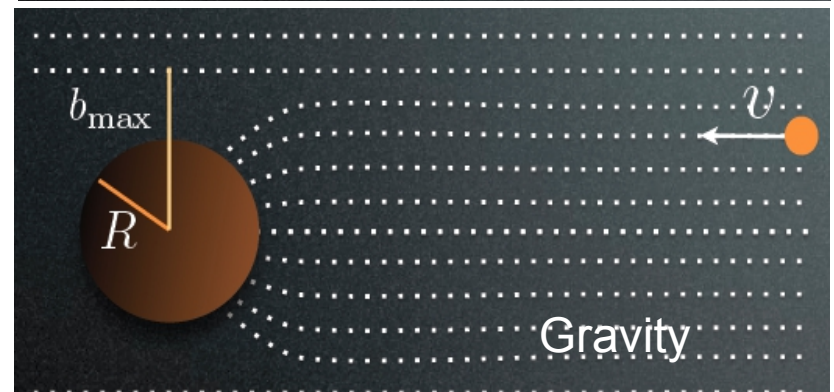
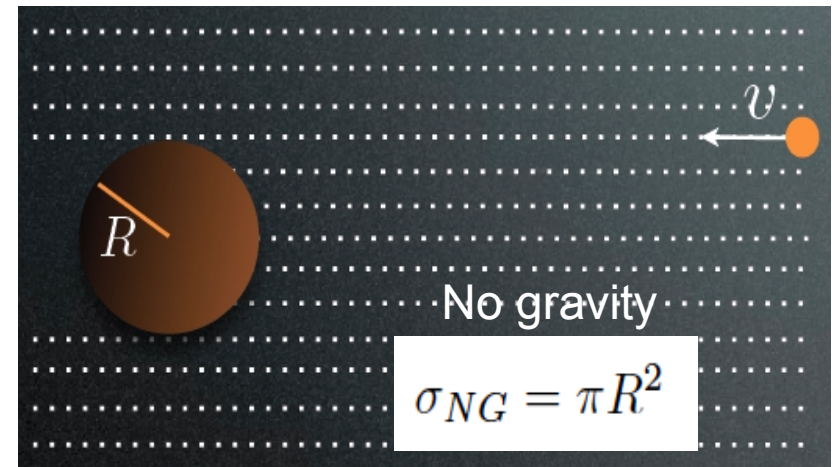
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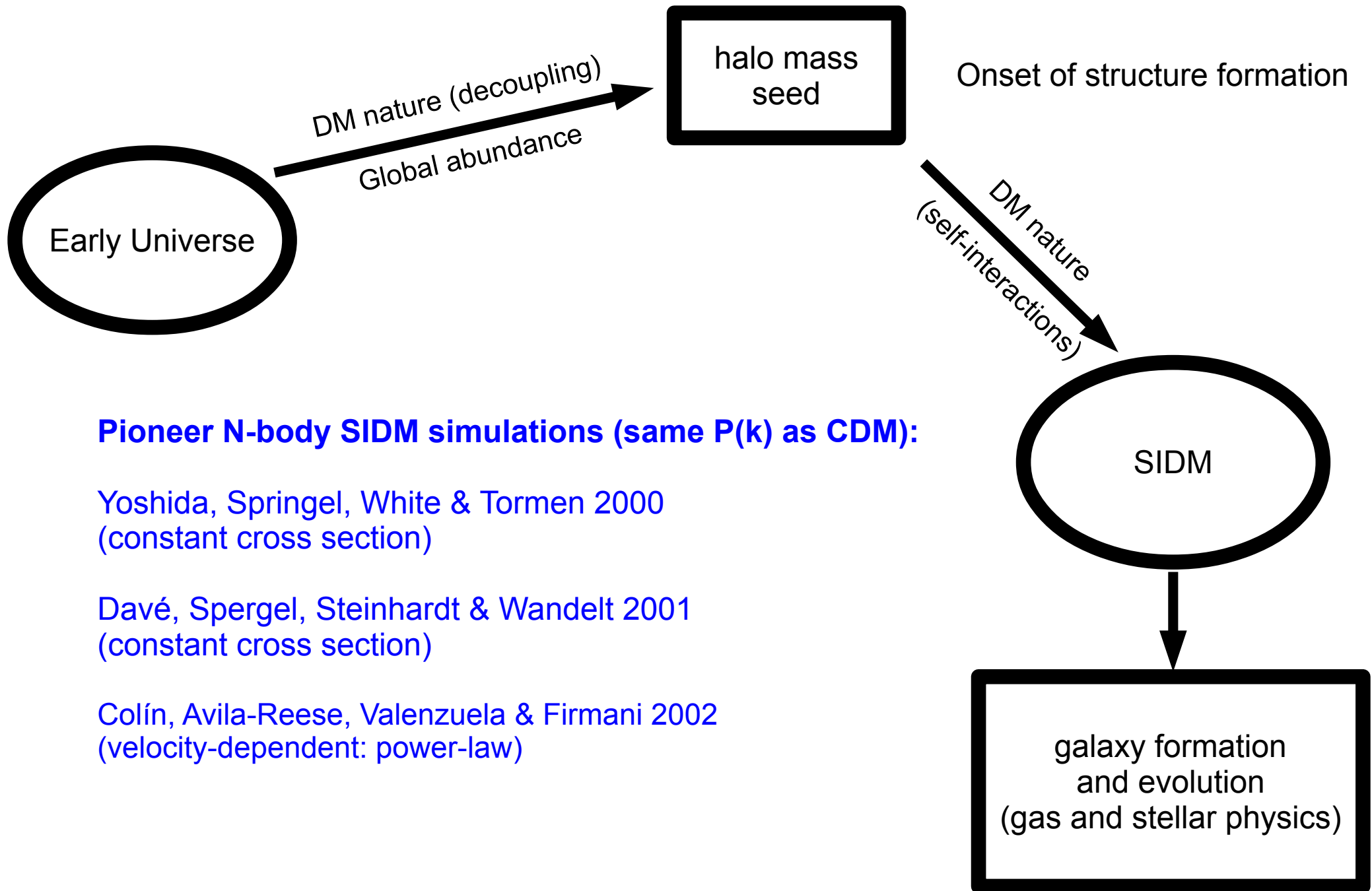
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**Classical analogue**



$$\sigma_N = \sigma_{NG} \left( 1 + \frac{v_{esc}^2}{v^2} \right) = \pi b_{max}^2$$

# Structure formation in a SIDM Universe



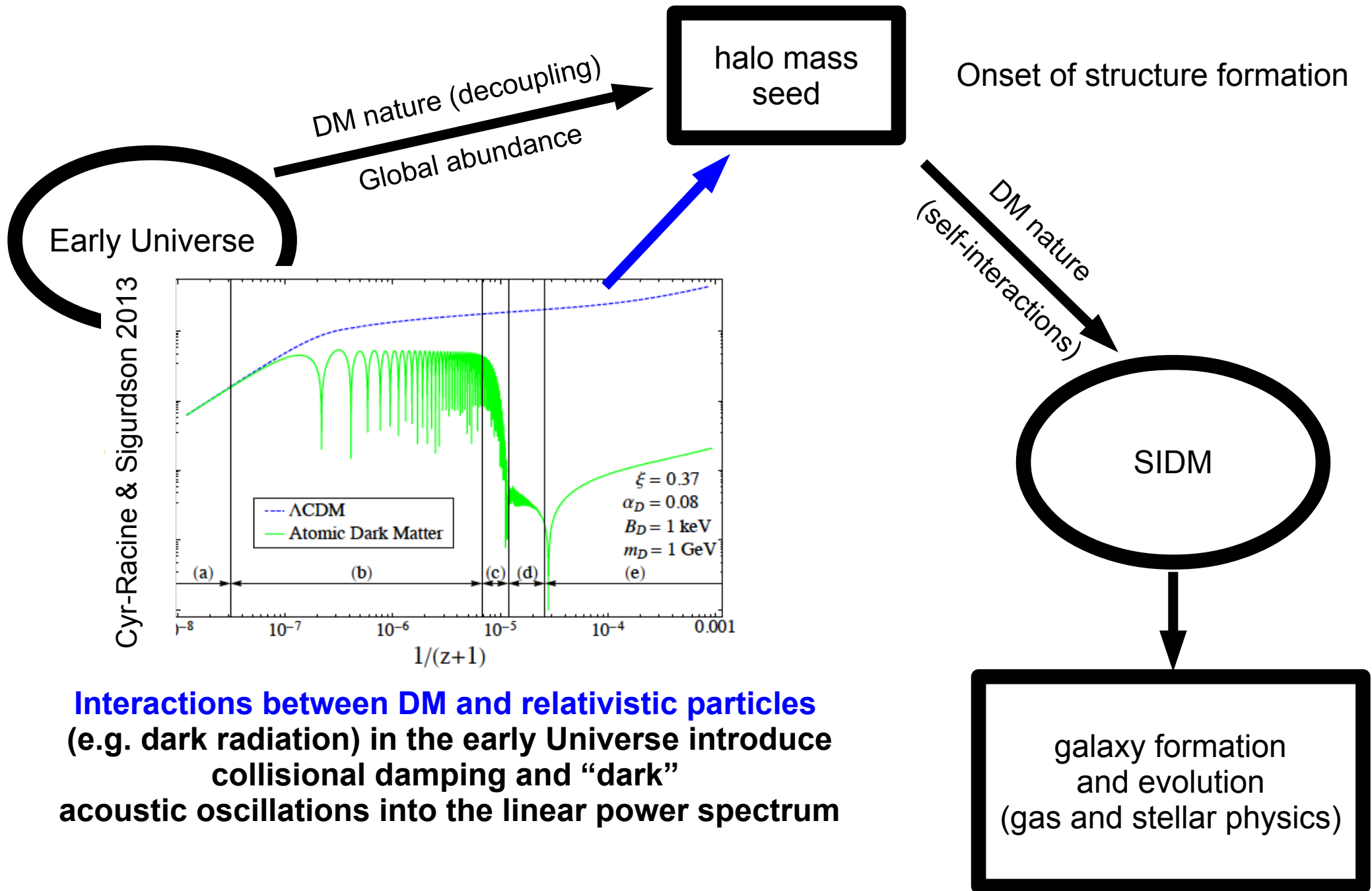
## Pioneer N-body SIDM simulations (same $P(k)$ as CDM):

Yoshida, Springel, White & Tormen 2000  
(constant cross section)

Davé, Spergel, Steinhardt & Wandelt 2001  
(constant cross section)

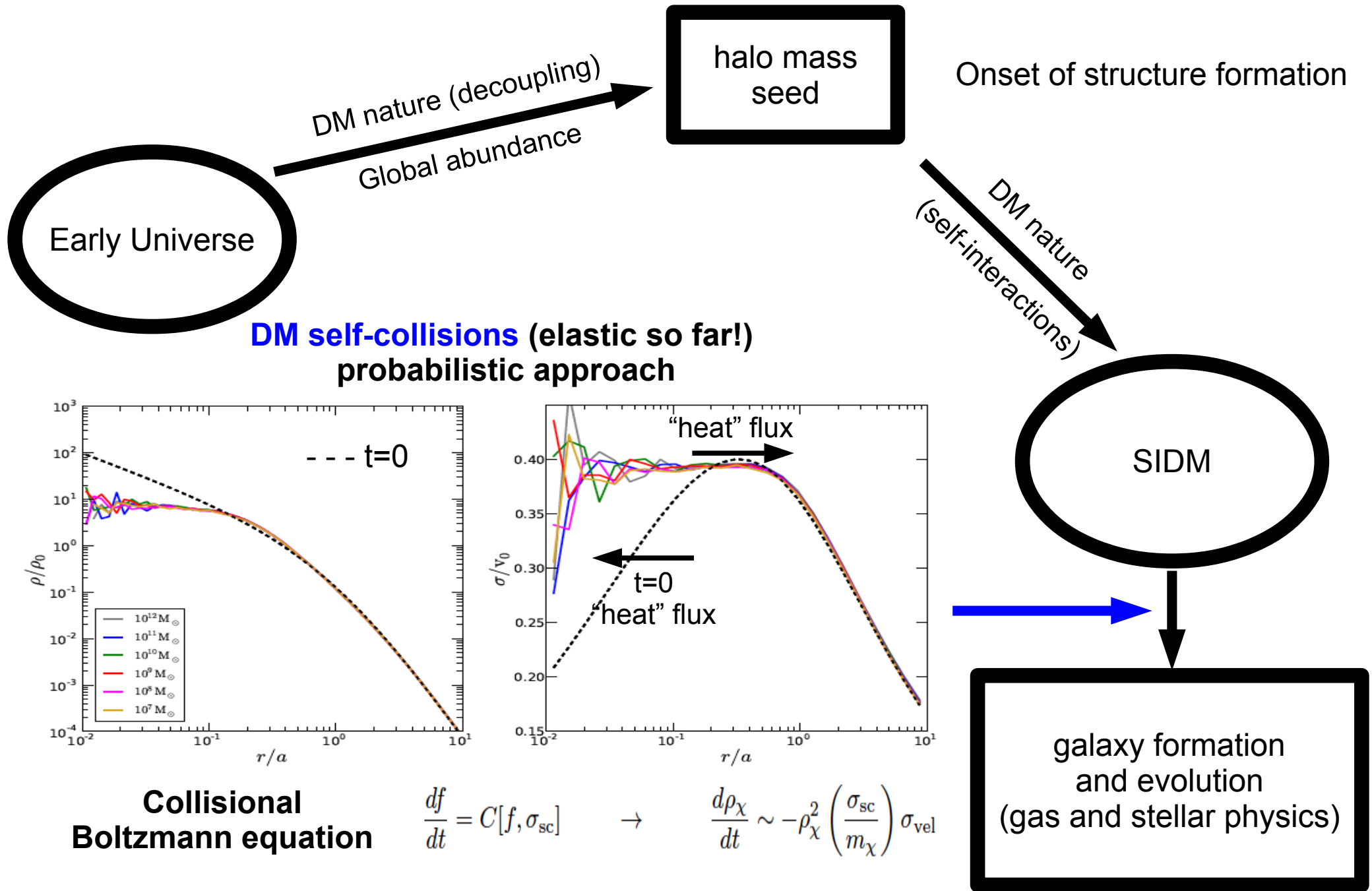
Colín, Avila-Reese, Valenzuela & Firmani 2002  
(velocity-dependent: power-law)

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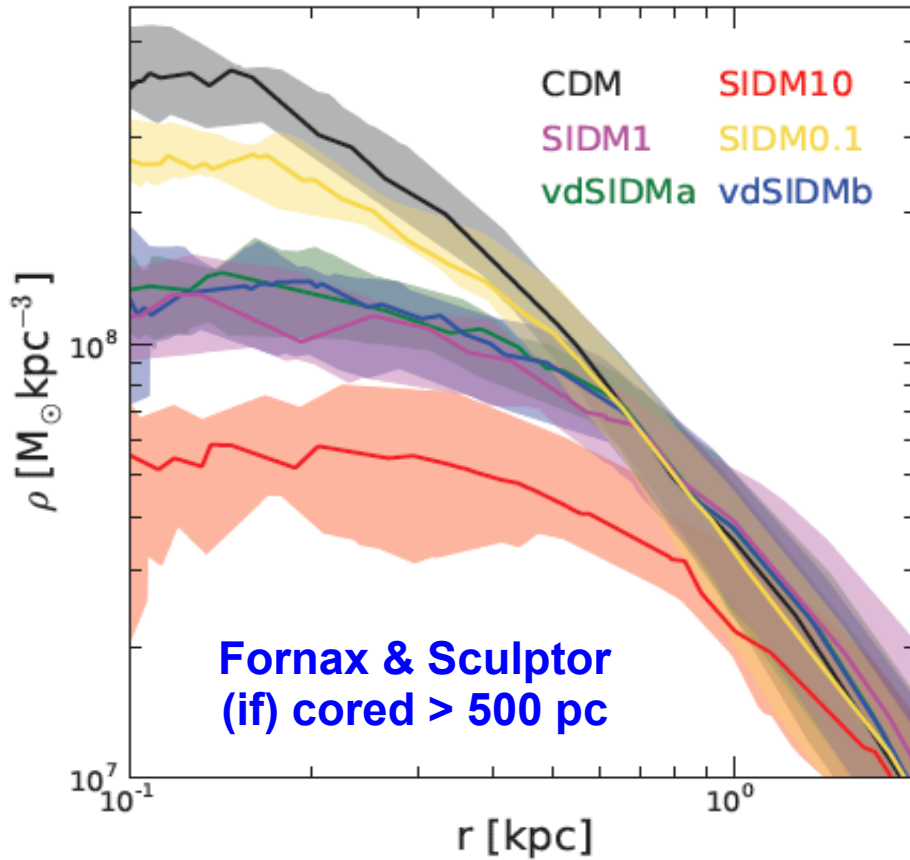
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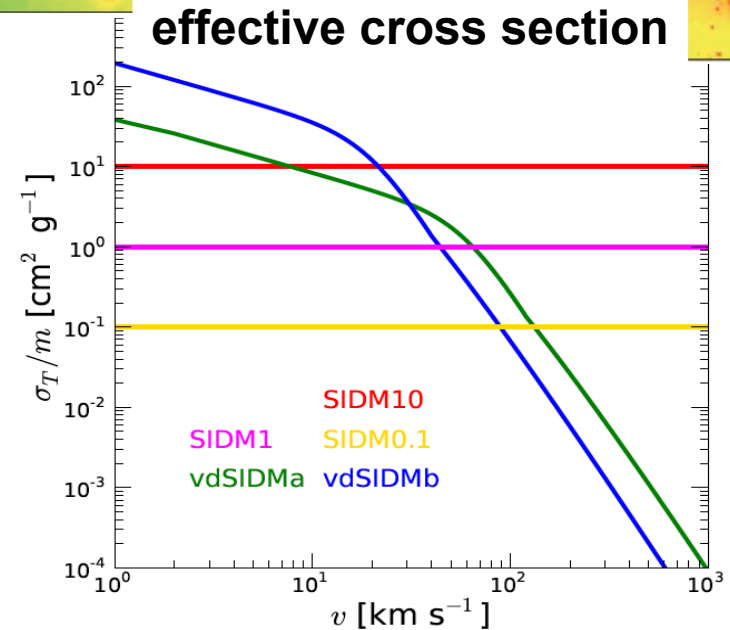
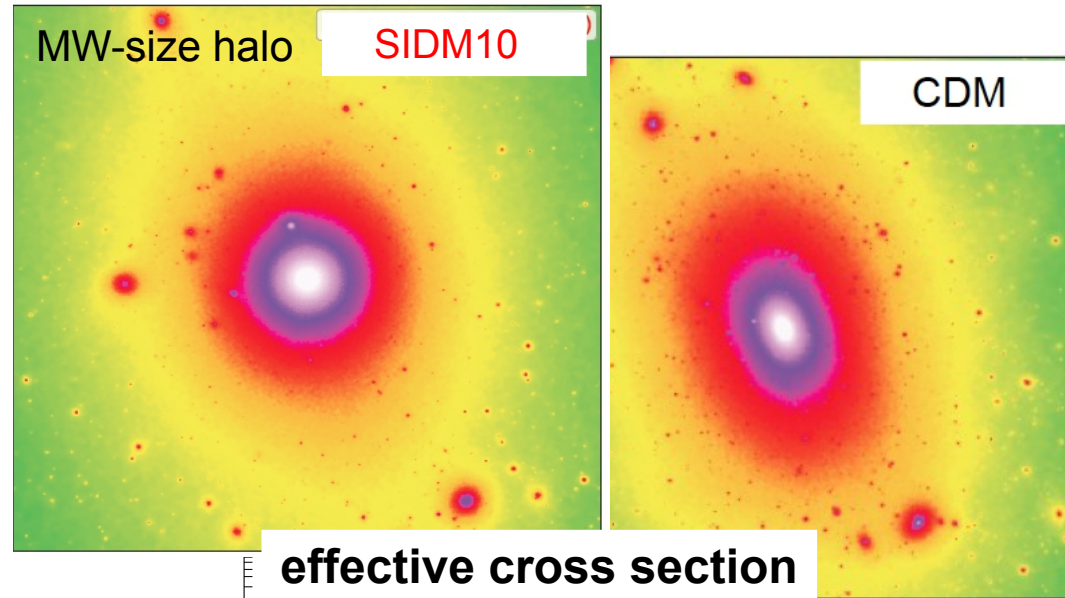
The dark satellites of a MW-size halo SIDM-only simulation

Zavala, Vogelsberger & Walker 13



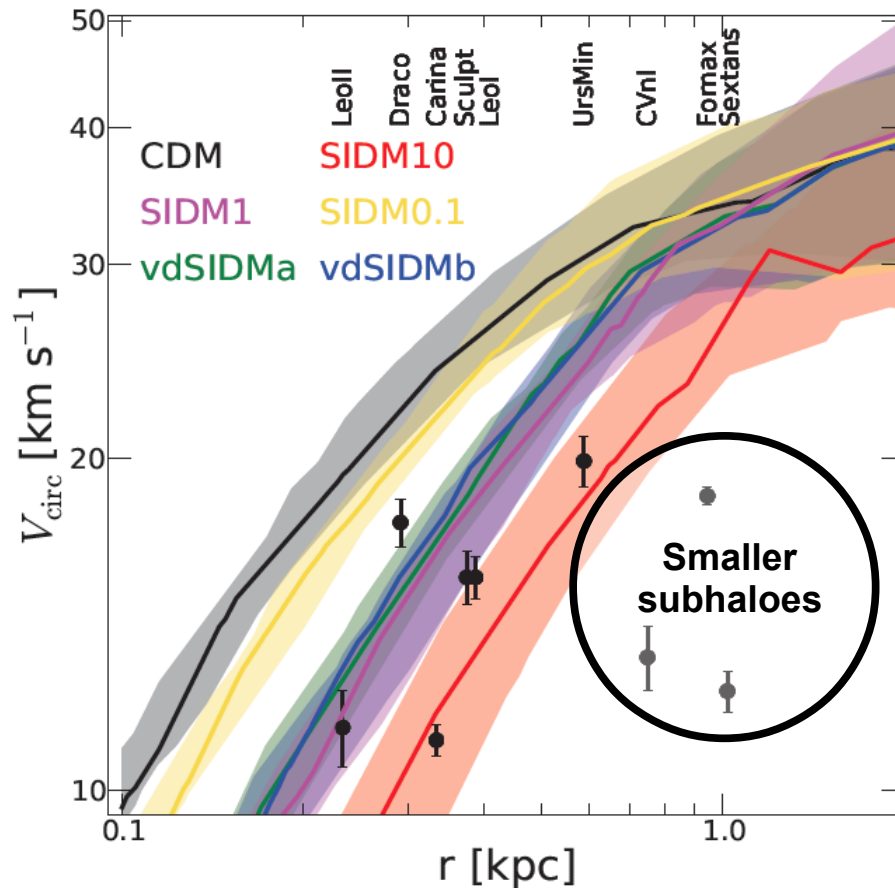
collisions reduce central DM densities  
creating core-like profiles

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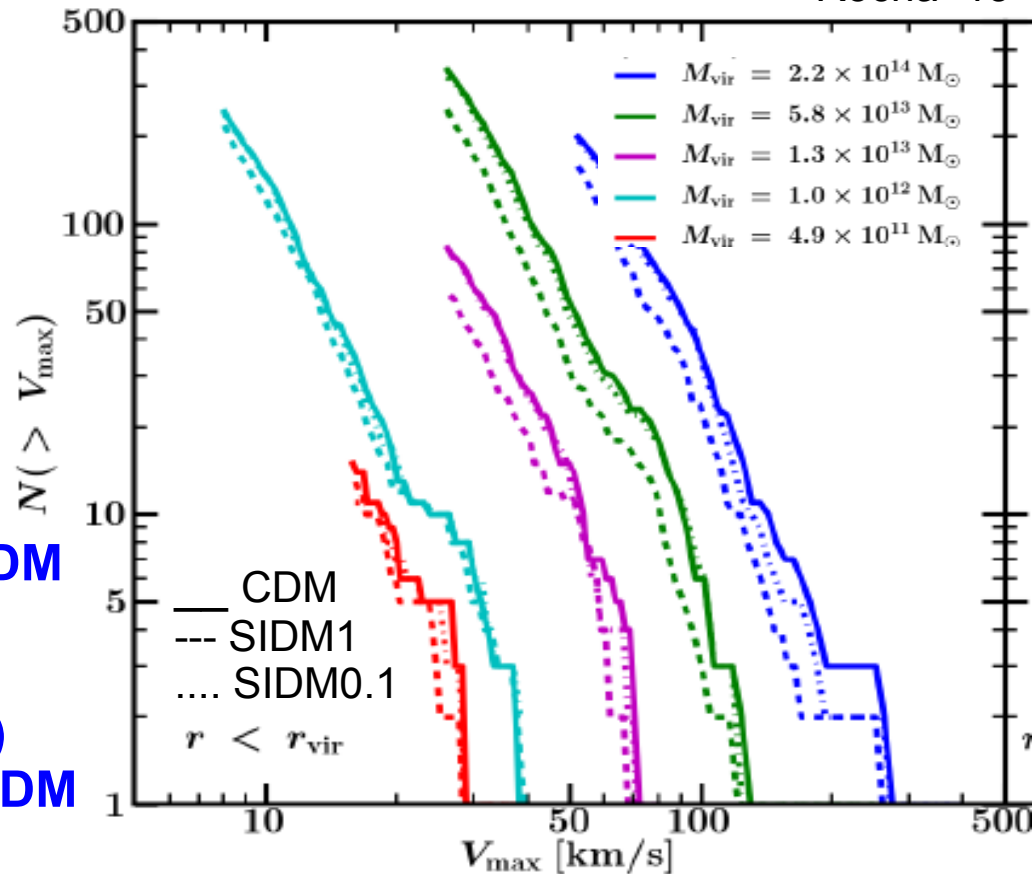


Allowed *elastic* SIDM significantly reduces the inner structure tension of CDM (“too big to fail” and “core-cusp”)

Allowed *elastic* SIDM (with CDM  $P(k)$ !!) faces the same abundance challenge of CDM

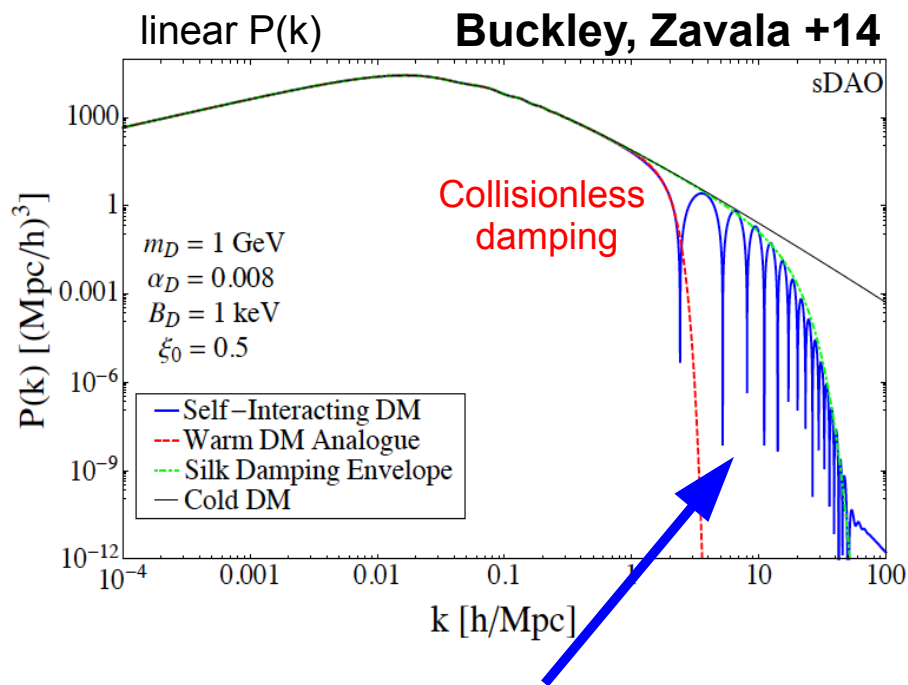
Elastic SIDM only works as a *distinct DM-only* alternative to CDM if  $0.6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g} < \sigma / m < 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  or velocity-dependent (MW-halo-mass-dependent)

Subhalo mass function Rocha+13



# A richer DM (initial) power spectrum

Reducing small-scale power suppresses the formation of low-mass haloes and delays that of massive ones: WDM (e.g. Bode+01)  
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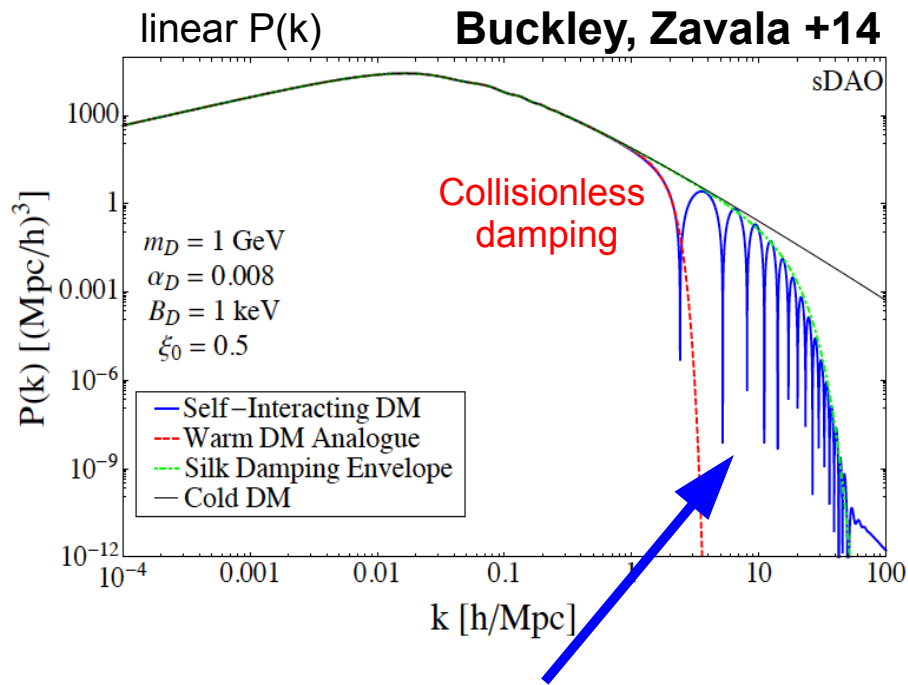
With an additional scale in  $P(k)$ , these models are expected to avoid Ly- $\alpha$  forest constraints impacting halo abundance in a significant way

**Collisional damping:**  
e.g. photons ( $\gamma$ CDM, Boehm+14),  
dark radiation (ADM, Cyr-Racine+13)

Models consistent with Planck CMB data

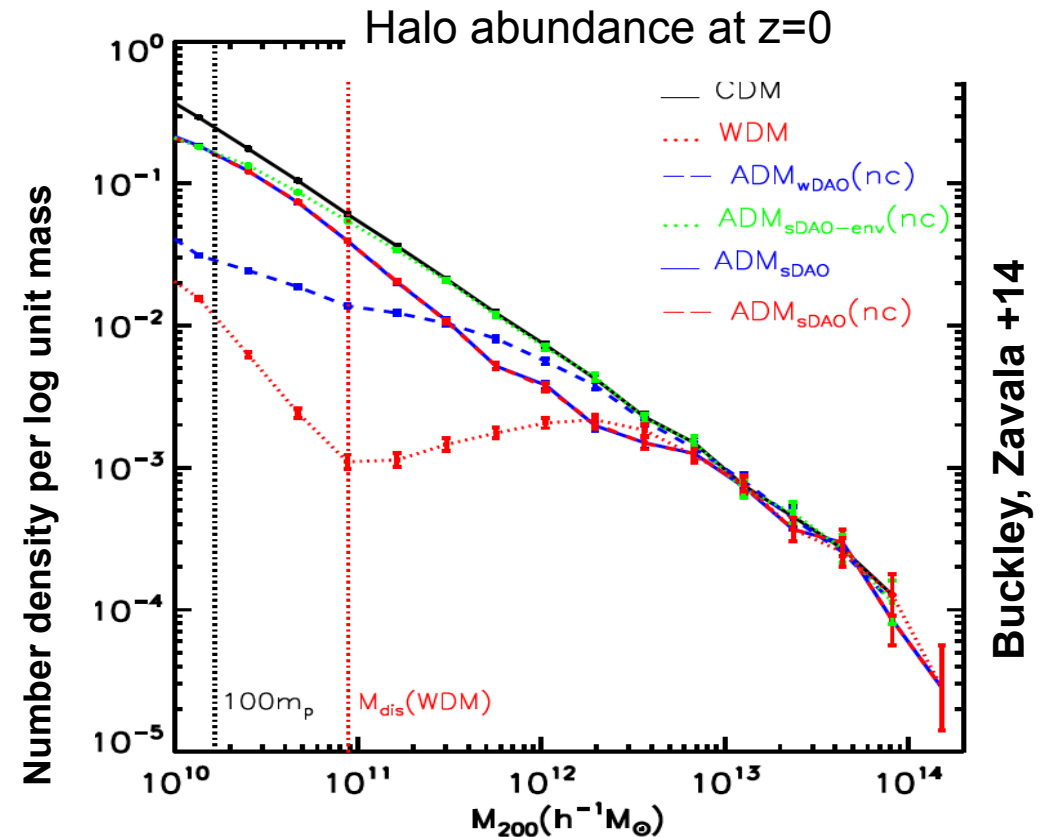
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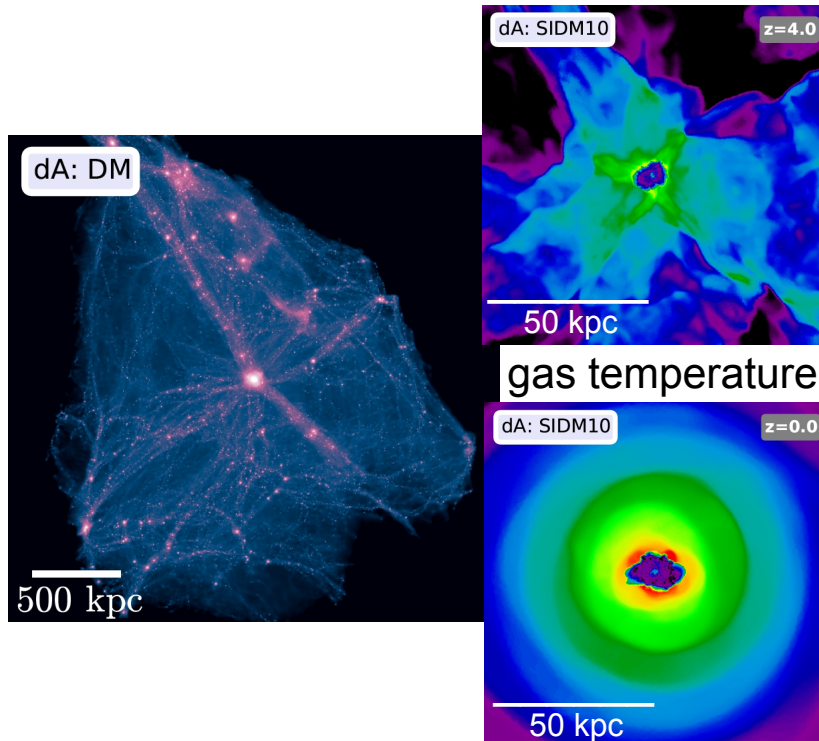
## NON-LINEAR EVOLUTION (N-body simulations)



**Their effects of DAO's are still visible at  $z=0$ !!**  
**(potential to solve the CDM abundance problem:**  
**proof of concept only)**

# Galaxies in a SIDM Universe

How does galaxy formation occurs in SIDM? Will the coupling of baryonic physics and DM collisionality help (or hinder) constrain SIDM models?



## First hydrodynamical simulation of a galaxy in a SIDM cosmology

zoom-in simulations of an isolated halo ( $\sim 10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$ )

same ICs: CDM and 4 SIDM cases (constant and velocity-dependent)

$m_{\text{dm}}$ [ $10^2 M_{\odot}$ ]	$m_{\text{baryon}}$ [ $10^2 M_{\odot}$ ]	$\epsilon$ [pc]	$N_{\text{DM}}^{\text{hires}}$
9.7	1.8	34.2	122,729,602
77.5	14.8	68.5	15,353,772

Results shown here for this resolution only

- baryonic physics implementation (Illustris): hydro, star formation, SNe feedback

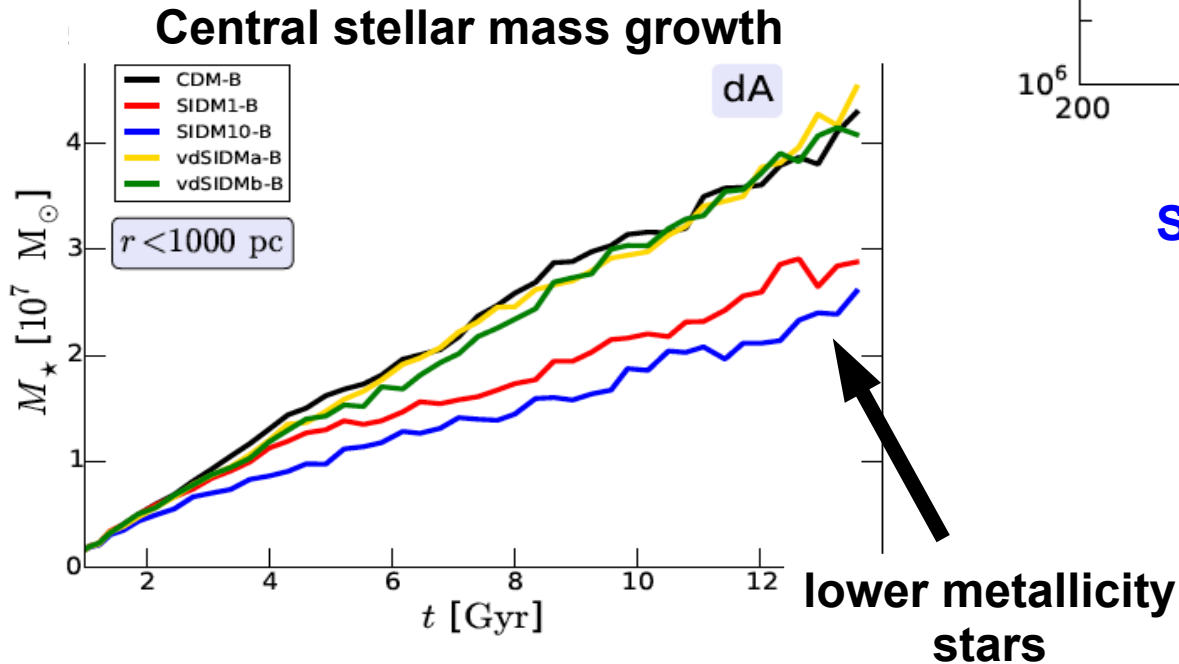
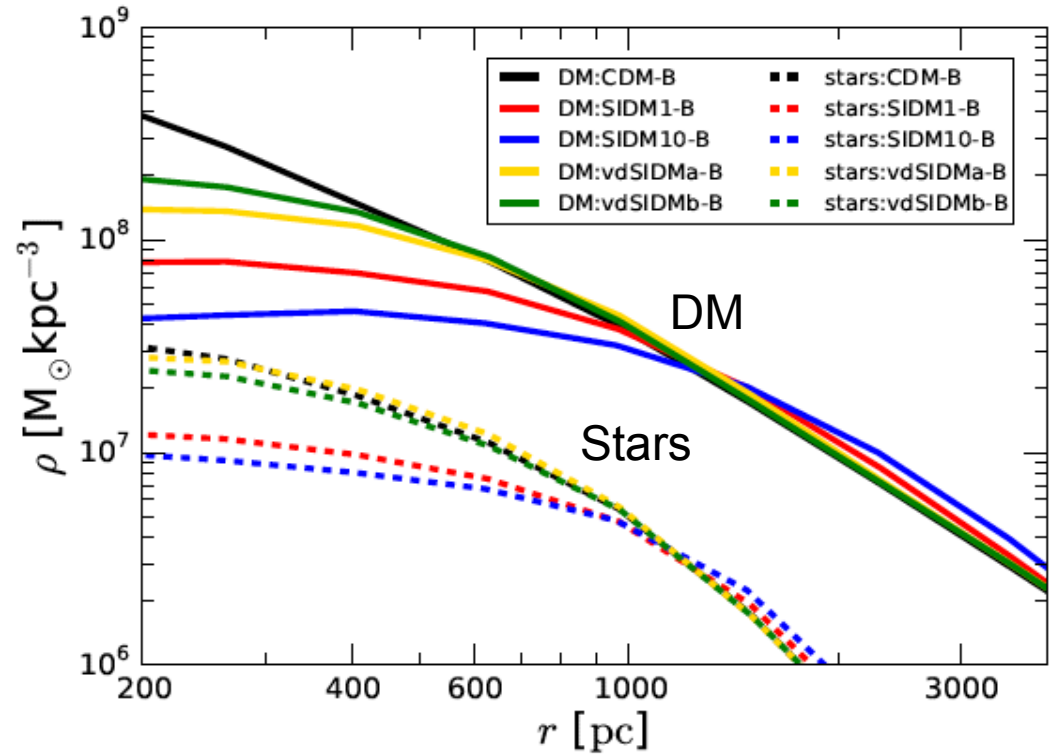
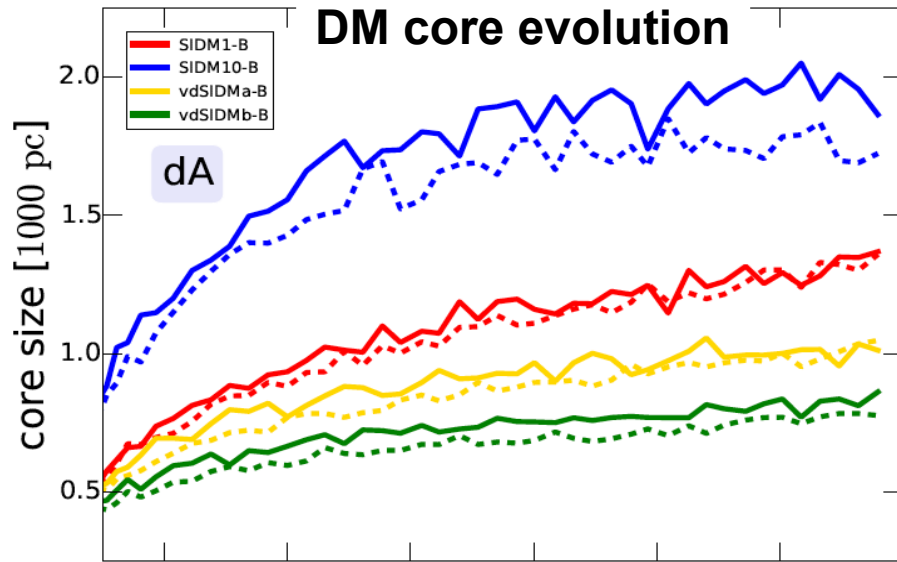
- effective “non-bursty” star formation history (inefficient baryon  $\rightarrow$  DM energy injection)

- global galaxy properties very similar (<10%) to CDM

The stellar mass and metallicity are too high: our first goal is to compare both cosmologies under the same baryonic physics

# Galaxies in a SIDM Universe

Vogelsbeger, Zavala+14



Stellar cores tied to SIDM cores in DM-dominated systems (signature of DM collisions)

In baryon-dominated galaxies SIDM cores are tied to stellar distribution (Kaplinghat+14)

# Concluding remarks

- **CDM/WDM/SIDM are by themselves incomplete DM theories**, they need completion with a particle physics model (all beyond SM: “exotic”)
- Decisive decade for “standard” DM model (CDM + WIMPs): experiments reaching the “expected” WIMP cross sections (Fermi, LUX,...)
- An effective (more generic) theory of structure formation **must consider a broader range of allowed DM phenomenology** (initial  $P(k)$ , DM interactions,..) coupled with our developing knowledge of galaxy formation/evolution



# Concluding remarks

SIDM is a competitive effective theory of structure formation:

- it preserves the large-scale successes of CDM and “naturally” avoids most of its small-scale (dwarf galaxies) challenges (**partially proof of concept only**)
- first hydro simulations in SIDM indicate that galaxy formation and evolution proceeds in a similar way as in CDM (nothing catastrophic!)
- the effect of DM collisions however, might be imprinted in the phase-space distribution of stars in dwarf galaxies at an observable level:  
**dwarf galaxies might hide a clue of a fundamental guiding principle for a complete DM theory**

**Possible degeneracies in observational comparisons, albeit undesirable, reflect our current incomplete knowledge of the DM nature and galaxy formation/evolution**